

tirelessly to restore our neighborhoods and provide economic opportunity in our communities.

Early on in his service on Atlanta City Council, Mr. Martin was appointed by Mayor Bill Campbell to the Atlanta City Budget Commission. In 1994, he was selected by the Labor Coalition to travel to South Africa to work for political education following the release of Nelson Mandela. During his second and third terms in office, he held three key chairmanships—Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation.

Mr. Martin was a bold visionary for the people, spearheading projects such as the construction of the Adamsville Natatorium and Community Center that completely transformed the area and provided resources to our most marginalized communities. He created the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Merchants Association, an initiative to foster economic opportunities and growth for Atlanta's District 10 and served on the Missing and Murdered Children Task Force. Mr. Martin was also a board member for the West End Medical Center and chairman of the City of Atlanta Employee Credit Union Board.

His off-term work included serving as a consultant on political campaigns and spearheading strategic planning activity and youth programming. He was elected by Georgia's Democratic Party to serve as a delegate to elect the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the Democratic National Convention in 2008 and 2012.

Atlanta has lost one of its greatest native sons. On a personal level, I was proud to have earned his support, guidance, and endorsement in my first campaign for public office. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this time. The entire city of Atlanta owes a debt of gratitude to C.T. Martin that we could never repay. May his memory serve as a guiding light for future generations of leaders in the fight for full equality.

On behalf of Georgia's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and legacy of Councilman C.T. Martin, and his incredible contributions to the Atlanta community.

HONORING OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
FARRAR

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, there is no greater love than to lay one's life down for another.

Officer Christopher Farrar of Chandler, Arizona exemplified that love when he was killed in the line of duty on April 30th of this year. Officer Farrar gave his life on behalf of his community and indeed, the entire State of Arizona. By all accounts he was a great police officer who served his community every day.

He leaves behind a grieving family and his fellow officers of the Chandler Police Department. I thank his family and loved ones for their sacrifices and his. Our prayers are with you.

We also join in prayer for Officer Rico Aranda, of the Gilbert, Arizona Police Depart-

ment who, alongside Officer Farrar, put his life on the line while responding to the same call on April 30. Although he was critically wounded, he was fortunate enough to survive the attempt on his life. We express our hope for a speedy and complete recovery for Officer Farrar.

Both these men and their families will remain in our hearts.

Serving in law enforcement takes a special kind of person. One who leaves the house each day knowing he may not return. Police officers all across this country have been vilified over the last year but I challenge you, Madame Speaker, to find a group of individuals more noble, more selfless, and more interested in serving their fellowman than police officers.

Instead of the hyper-critique they have received of recent times, they deserve the praise and admiration of this body. Police officers routinely face grave threats with great courage.

Madam Speaker, over the last year we have seen Liberal organizations and leftist cities call for the defunding of our police. I urge elected officials and the American public to support those who keep our communities safe. Let's increase our respect to our police force. Let's increase our gratitude by giving a positive comment, a helping hand, or saying a prayer when you see those flashing red and blue lights on the way to an emergency.

I am grateful to be participating in National Police Week so I may pay homage to the brave men and women who run towards danger when most retreat. We may never know the pressure and the courage it takes to wear the badge and don the uniform, but we can always show the respect and honor our police officers deserve.

To those officers who demonstrated the greater love by making the greatest sacrifice we say, "Thank you." We offer our grateful support to those they left behind.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD SISCO,
SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL FI-
NALIST FROM MARYLAND'S
FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent more than 62,000 federal employees in Maryland's Fifth District and to have long been an advocate for recognizing and celebrating the many contributions that federal civilian workers make to our country. That's why I am always very excited to participate in marking Public Service Recognition Week, which is held each May. It is a moment to thank federal employees for their patriotism, their service, and the many essential roles they play in creating and delivering opportunities for the American people.

Each year, the Partnership for Public Service reviews hundreds of nominations submitted by federal workers and the Americans they serve of outstanding federal civilian employees for recognition in a number of categories. During Public Service Recognition Week, the organization unveils the list of finalists in each category, and it has named twen-

ty-nine finalists this year. The winners, including Federal Employee of the Year, will be announced in the autumn. These Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, named in memory of the founder of the Partnership for Public Service and a champion for those serving in government, are affectionately known as the 'Sammies,' and they are considered to be the government-service equivalent of the Academy Awards.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that one of this year's finalists in the 'Emerging Leaders' category is Edward Sisco from Maryland's Fifth District. A research chemist at the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Ed has already made an enormous impact even at only thirty-two years old. He developed a novel procedure for testing potentially toxic substances faster than thought possible, which has yielded tremendous benefits in forensic analysis and protection for law enforcement and forensic chemists testing drugs seized in raids. The Thermal Desorption Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry (TD-DART-MS) technique that he pioneered is already being deployed and is having a major impact on criminal justice and laboratory safety.

Ed and many of his colleagues at NIST are among the thousands of outstanding federal employees who call Maryland's Fifth District home, and I am proud to join in recognizing his work and his being chosen as a Service to America Medal finalist. I wish him all the best of luck in the competition, and I look forward to learning the winners in his category and all the others, as well as Federal Employee of the Year, this fall. While these awards recognize special contributions to our country that go above and beyond, I hope all of us who serve in the House will remember the contributions and hard work that 2.1 million federal employees perform every day in every state and in single one of our districts. Each and every one of them deserves our recognition and our gratitude.

HONORING TOMS RIVER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT NO. 1 ON ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Toms River Fire Department No. 1 on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

Beginning in 1896, the Toms River Fire Department was founded with no budget or fire hydrant. Within two years, the town's running water became operational and the Fire Department was granted a \$500 budget. Soon, when there was a fire, the firefighters were able to hook their hoses to Toms River's one hydrant and push a hose cart across town to fight a fire. Through the Toms River Fire Department's work, they protected the residents of Toms River and saved countless lives.

While the technology and tools available to the Toms River Fire Department have changed drastically in the past century and firetrucks have thankfully replaced fire carts, the mission and the work ethic of the Toms River Fire Department have not. For the past

one hundred and twenty-five years, the volunteer fire service has protected the grateful residents of Toms River. Hopefully, in one hundred years from today, another member of Congress representing Toms River will stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives, honoring the Toms River Fire Department No. 1's noble work on their two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

On Toms River Fire Department No. 1's anniversary, I extend my best wishes to all the firefighters, former firefighters and their families of the Toms River community.

THE LONG-TERM PROBLEMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the State of Israel.

Hamas, a terrorist organization, is firing hundreds of rockets and missiles indiscriminately at Israeli civilians. There is no moral justification for these despicable attacks on innocent life.

Israel has every right to defend itself and keep its citizens safe from these attacks.

I want to assure my constituents on Long Island, and all friends of Israel, that the United States stands in staunch support of Israel and unequivocally condemns this Hamas terrorism.

I pray for the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians affected by this crisis. And I pray that a cease-fire can be reached.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JEFFREY SCOTT FRANKEL

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Jeffrey Scott Frankel who passed away on April 3, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Frankel was a dedicated community member on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, who left an indelible mark on the region as a dedicated father, volunteer and school board official.

Mr. Frankel was born on November 24, 1962 in London, Ontario, Canada and was raised in Baldwin, New York. He attended the State University of New York College at Buffalo and had a successful career as a marketing consultant with King World Productions, SharkNinja and other notable brands. In recent years, Mr. Frankel steered his career towards education, scaling back his consultancy and working as an impassioned volunteer for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Jeffrey had an undying passion for advocacy, service, and education, and displayed such interests as a member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula School District's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and the Superintendent Special Education Parent Advisory Group. Jeffrey became interested in education policy as

he supported his daughter, Jillian, who had special needs and was the light of his life. He sought to make a difference in her life along with other students. He made it his mission to ensure that every student, including those with special needs, reached their full potential. Mr. Frankel was elected to the Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board in November 2020 and was a shining example of a community partner who proudly assumed the role of a civic leader and change agent.

Jeffrey loved the Grateful Dead and fast food gave him much delight. He has left an indelible mark on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the South Bay community, and to all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Frankel, his siblings, Karen Rozen and Mark Frankel, his niece Mindy, his nephews David, Louie, and Kevin, and his beloved daughter, Jillian. For all his success, he will forever be known as a man of generosity, humility, and kindness. May his memory be a blessing.

MAY 6 COMMEMORATION OF REP. JAMES BILBRAY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I first want to thank the Bureau of Land Management and Friends of Red Rock Canyon for helping facilitate today's event. I also want to thank our guests for joining me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the designation of Red Rock National Conservation Area. Although we were not able to celebrate on the date it was signed, November 16, because of COVID, I felt it was important to honor the man who introduced legislation to preserve Red Rock Canyon for future generations, Congressman James Bilbray.

Congressman Bilbray served as the Representative for Nevada's First District from 1987–1995. In that role, he led the legislative effort to permanently protect more than 83,000 acres of Red Rock Canyon. On November 16, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed Congressman Bilbray's bill, H.R. 4559, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act. In 1994, Congressman Bilbray successfully spearheaded an effort to expand the conservation area to more than 176,000 acres to protect Joshua tree and desert tortoise habitat. H.R. 3050, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary Expansion, was signed by President Bill Clinton in November of that year.

Congressman Bilbray was ahead of his time. When he introduced legislation to protect Red Rock Canyon, the environmental movement was just in its beginnings in Nevada. It wasn't as easy or as popular to pass this kind of legislation, but he had the vision to know that this area was special and should be preserved for his grandchildren and future generations to enjoy.

Saving this area from development was personal for the Congressman. A lifelong Nevadan, he camped in the area as a Boy Scout

and frequently visited it with his family on picnics and hikes. Red Rock Canyon also holds significant cultural resources for the native Southern Paiute Tribe. Within the canyons exist rock walls with extensive petroglyphs, as well as indications of prehistoric inhabitation, such as shelter caves and agave roasting pits. The area is home to burros, bighorns, and desert tortoises, as well as unique flora. And in contrast to nearby Las Vegas, a town emphasizing entertainment and gaming, Red Rock offers respite and recreation of a different nature. It is because of Congressman Bilbray that Nevadans and visitors from around the globe can enjoy this unique desert landscape, the natural crown jewel of Southern Nevada.

In honor of Congressman Bilbray's public service, a new plaque will be installed at the entrance of the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center where over 2,000 people enter each day. We will see, know, and get to read about the incredible man who made this possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 11, 2021, I was unavoidably detained and missed the day's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call Vote 134, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1629, the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusively Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN'S FAMOUS PASTRY SHOPPE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership and service to our local community and beyond.

Like many Pennsylvania businesses, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these obstacles, Martin's continued its essential work to feed the American people and protect their workers' livelihoods.

Now led by President James "Jim" Martin, this family-owned company was first established as a small bakery in 1968. Since then, it has expanded broadly in both market reach and workforce. Today, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe employs hardworking Americans in Franklin County and around the country.

Throughout its decades of service, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe has maintained a clear focus on community outreach and support. Starting with founders Lloyd and Lois Martin, the organization has prioritized community focus. Each year, this company gives back to our Chambersburg community and supports charities in Pennsylvania and around the world.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe for its incredible work